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MANAGEMENT

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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office action of December 4, 2003, Applicant submits the following:

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-21 are pending in the present application. The Examiner has allowed claims 13, 14, 20, and 21. The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 4, 6-10, 15, 18, and 19. The Examiner has objected to claims 2, 3, 5, 11, 12, 16, and 17. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of pending claims 1-12 and 15-19.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 6, 9, 10, and 15 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,389,464 issued to Krishnamurthy et al. Regarding claim 1, Applicant respectfully disagrees. As one example, the Examiner states, "...it is understood that the MIB files includes functional characteristics because a MIB is a SNMP compatible data structure that defines the functional groups and management objects of a unit or system...." However, Applicant cannot find such teaching in the cited reference. Instead, Krishnamurthy et al. state, in col. 2, lines 33 and 34, "The MIB is a set of managed objects or variables that can be managed." As another example, the Examiner states, "Web pages contain particular functional characteristics, Figures 4-29" to allege that Krishnamurthy et al. teach "wherein each indicator of the new set of indicators corresponds to a